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- (1) European Patent No. 0 997 173 entitled ELECTRIC GAME
 LICENSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, By Cass et al.,
 published May 3, 2000. This patent is attached hereto.
- (2) International Publication No. WO 97/19537 entitled

 REMOTE-AUDITING OF COMPUTER GENERATED..., By Jorasch et
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(3) U.S. Patent No. 4,658, entitled SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, By Hellman, patented April 14, 1987. This patent is attached hereto.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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